

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 TEHRAN 10276 201337Z

42

ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 OMB-01 INRE-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00

USIE-00 CIAE-00 PM-04 H-02 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05

PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 A-01 OPR-02 SY-05 OC-05

CCO-00 NEAE-00 ACDA-05 IO-10 SAM-01 SAB-01 /094 W

----- 050386

O 201246Z OCT 75

FM AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3979

INFO SECDEF WASHDC IMMEDIATE

USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GER PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY MUSCAT PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY JIDDA PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY LONDON PRIORITY

COMIDEASTFOR PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 10276

E.O.11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PFOR, MU, IR

SUBJ: FIGHTING IN DHOFAR

REFS: (A) STATE 247479 (DTG 172122ZOCT75); (B) MUSCAT 1170  
(DTG 181204ZOCT75); (C) TEHRAN USINFO 150915ZOCT75 NOTAL);  
(D) TEHRAN 9961 (DTG 121221ZOCT75 NOTAL)

1. IRANIAN PRESS OCTOBER 20 HEADLINED STORY ON MAJOR  
OFFENSIVE IN DHOFAR, REPORTING IRANIAN CAPTURE OF KEY REBEL  
SUPPLY LINE IN COMBINED GROUND, NAVAL AND AIR OPERATION.  
POSITION SEIZED REPORTED 9 KILOMETERS WEST OF RAKHYUT  
COMMANDING APPROACHES BETWEEN THAT PORT AND FARFAT AND  
SHARSHITI CAVES HELD BY REBELS. BY CUTTING APPROACHES  
BETWEEN PORT AND CAVES, IRANIAN AND OMANI FORCES HAVE  
NOW VIRTUALLY SURROUNDED REBELS, PRESS STATED. INFANTRY,  
COVERED BY INTENSE ARTILLERY FIRE, ENGAGED IN MOPPING UP  
OPERATIONS. THREE IRANIANS REPORTED KILLED AND THREE  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 TEHRAN 10276 201337Z

WOUNDED. "QUALIFIED OBSERVERS IN TEHRAN EXPRESSED

PLEASURE AT THE SUCCESSFUL OFFENSIVE AND SAID IT SPELLED BEGINNING OF THE END FOR COMMUNIST-BACKED INSURGENCY IN DHOFAR," KAYHAN COMMENTED.

2. ACCORDING TO IRANIAN MILITARY SOURCES, AT LEAST EIGHT, POSSIBLY TEN, F-4 AIRCRAFT PARTICIPATED IN COMBAT AIR PATROL (CAP) FOR DESTROYERS AND VOSPERS WHICH WERE PROVIDING NAVAL GUN SUPPORT IN OFFENSIVE. AIRCRAFT WERE REFUELED BY TANKERS FOUR TIMES AS THEY FLEW CAP FOR 5-1/2 HOURS. TWO, POSSIBLY FOUR, KC-707 TANKERS HAVE BEEN FLOWN DURING OPERATIONS. THOSE AIRCRAFT AND F-4S STAGED OUT OF BANDAR ABBAS FOR OPERATION. BARB AND POSSIBLY PALANG (DDS) AND ONE OR MORE VOSPERS WERE USED IN SHORE BOMBARDMENT. HELICOPTERS WERE EMPLOYED FOR TARGETING. REPORTED 1150 ROUNDS OF FIVE INCH AMMUNITION WERE FIRED. ALTHOUGH PRESS HAS CARRIED NO FURTHER STORIES ON OFFENSIVE, HEIGHTENED ACTIVITY OF IRANIAN MILITARY SCS STAFF IN TEHRAN SUGGESTS THAT GROUND FIGHTING IS CONTINUING. AIRCRAFT, WE UNDERSTAND, HAVE RETURNED TO SHAHROKHI AIR BASE.

3. THERE HAS BEEN NO MENTION BY EITHER IRANIAN PRESS OR IRANIAN MILITARY SOURCES OF ANY FIGHTING BEYOND OMANI BORDER IN PDRY.

4. IT APPARENT THAT IRANIAN PRESS STORIES ON DHOFAR FIGHTING DURING PAST WEEK (REFS C AND D) WERE DESIGNED TO PREPARE THE PUBLIC FOR CURRENT OFFENSIVE.  
MIKLOS

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** COUNTERINSURGENCY, COMBAT OPERATIONS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 20 OCT 1975  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** KelleyW0  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1975TEHRAN10276  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** X1  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D750363-0555  
**From:** TEHRAN  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1975/newtext/t19751039/aaaabiyf.tel  
**Line Count:** 90  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION NEA  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 75 STATE 247479, 75 MUSCAT 1170  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** KelleyW0  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 24 JUN 2003  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <24 JUN 2003 by ShawDG>; APPROVED <13 NOV 2003 by KelleyW0>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
06 JUL 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** FIGHTING IN DHOFAR  
**TAGS:** PFOR, MU, IR  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006